

IHPA/Main Street Architectural Services: July 06-June 07

Site visits: 92

Occurring in the subject building, these meetings with IHPA staff, the Main Street Executive Director and the building owner provide a forum to discuss both interior and exterior design options, address questions, and identify maintenance issues.



IHPA staff makes recommendations for a historic gas station in Elizabethtown.

Renderings: 71

These computer-generated color drawings show proposed changes to a structure's facades. They may also include full graphic design packages and sign proposals for a small business within the district.



A rendering for a building in Aledo.

Presentations: 53 sessions in 41 communities with 1,367 attendees

These public training sessions promote the importance of quality design and the preservation ethic as it relates to downtown revitalization and business improvement. Designers can also provide input on any Design-Committee activity.



IHPA staff training Directors in Lincoln.

Technical Reports: 12

In lieu of a rendering, staff may supply an owner with detailed technical information to solve specific problems, such as maintenance, code, or structural issues, product information, and repair procedures.

Website

The IHPA/Main Street website has been recognized as one of the best Main Street Design sites in the country.

www.illinoishistory.gov/PS/mainstreet.htm

National Leadership

Over the last several years, the IHPA Architectural staff have been invited speakers and trainers at Main Street workshops and conferences across the country, including in California, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin.

Awards for IHPA/Main Street Architectural Services

National Preservation Honor Award, National Trust for Historic Preservation

In October of 2007, the Upstairs Downtown initiative of IHPA Architecture Section will be given a National Preservation Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation. This is the highest level of recognition in the field of historic preservation, with only 12 awards given each year nationally. The award recognizes "organizations whose contributions demonstrate outstanding excellence in historic preservation." A major criterion for consideration was the "degree to which the nominee's project is unusual or pioneering or serves as an example that influences others."

President's Award, A.I.A. Illinois

The Illinois chapter of the American Institute of Architects presented the IHPA Architecture Section with their President's Award in October of 2006. The award, the highest such honor AIA Illinois can bestow, recognized the Section for "demonstrating extraordinary achievements in advancing livable communities and promoting the understanding, appreciation and progress of the profession of architecture at a significant level in the State of Illinois." The jury unanimously named IHPA the winner. Jury comments included the following, "Outstanding programs and information pieces that truly give meaning to the importance of historic preservation; very fresh and creative approaches to conveying the messages; significant results and involvement on a statewide level."

Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation, NCSHPO

In April of 2007, the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers gave the "Upstairs Downtown" initiative within the IHPA Architecture Section the Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation in the category of Educational Program or Project, which recognizes a SHPOffices' innovative and exceptional preservation educational program, curricula, publication, website or other informational tool.

National Mentorship



In July of 2007, IHPA Architecture Section hosted the Oakland County Main Street program in Michigan. The Michigan staff visited IHPA in Springfield to see how to improve and expand their own architectural services for the nine towns in their growing Main Street program.

A.I.A. Award



IHPA Architecture Section receiving the President's Award at the 2006 AIA Illinois conference.

Acclaim for IHPA/Main Street Architectural Services

“Through their innovative public outreach and design and historic preservation and education programs, the IHPA Architecture Section have become outstanding leaders within the Main Street downtown revitalization movement....As a Program Officer for the last eight years at the National Trust Main Street Center, I have had the opportunity to work with several statewide Main Street coordinating programs. In my opinion, **IHPA's Architecture Section is the best in the country**, not only for its delivery of design and architectural assistance to more than 60 Illinois Main Street communities, but also for its innovative education and outreach programs, such as its ‘got mesker?’ and ‘Upstairs Downtown’ initiatives. No other state or citywide coordinating Main Street entity has developed such cutting-edge programs. Beyond these programs, the Architecture Section’s staff is highly creative and energetic in working with local Main Street communities in solving their downtown design and historic preservation issues. They are exceptional.”

Nicholas P. Kalogeresis, AICP
Program Officer, National Trust Main Street Center

“IHPA [Architecture Section] is recognized throughout the Main Street network as innovators in the development of outreach and education programs that provide exemplary, practical training opportunities for practitioners in the downtown revitalization field. I often refer communities to their website for examples and inspiration on building rehab projects, information on the Upstairs Downtown workshop materials, and the very popular Build Your Own Main Street training tool for young people....I have had the benefit of being a co-presenter with members of the IHPA staff at Illinois Main Street workshops and saw first hand the impact they have in the communities in the state. In addition, I have recommended their staff for workshops and trainings hosted by Main Street coordinating programs around the country. Their staff has the great ability of providing detailed and useful information on preservation policy, downtown redevelopment, and architectural history in an entertaining and accessible manner. **Their impact is truly nationwide.**”

Sheri Stuart
Department of Community Trade and Economic Development
State of Washington

Before



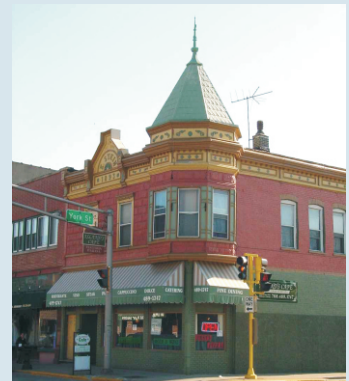
Island Café, Blue Island, Before

IHPA rendering



Illinois Main Street rendering

After



Island Café, Blue Island, After

Acclaim for IHPA/Main Street Architectural Services

“IHPA [Architecture Section] staff have consistently shown that **they are leaders in the area of preservation** design through the many outreach and education programs that they have developed....The initiatives that IHPA staff have developed go far beyond the duties that are the basis of their work. They have shown the ability to anticipate critical design/preservation issues and to develop effective programs that address these issues. They have done this at all levels, working equally well with design professionals, national organizations, and grass-roots community groups. They have also developed a very effective website for making all these materials available to a wide national and international audience.”

David Bahlman, President
Landmarks Illinois

“In 2001, Downtown Springfield, Inc. was formally designated an Illinois Main Street community. Arguably, the most valuable element of this designation is the access to the programs and initiatives that the IHPA Architecture Section has to offer. Representatives from our organization attended the superb Upstairs Downtown conference and found it incredibly helpful in our efforts to fill vacant upper-floor space. The conference was beneficial to a number of architects in our community who are receiving increasing inquiries from developers about adaptive reuse of our downtown building stock. We have also taken advantage of the excellent outreach presentations that the Section has produced, such as financial-incentive presentations and public walking tours of our downtown. These monthly walking tours led by Section staff have garnered wide-spread interest and media attention. Without a doubt, **the advocacy that the Section has provided has enhanced Springfield’s preservation ethic.**”

Steve Cour, Chairman
Board of Trustees
Downtown Springfield, Incorporated

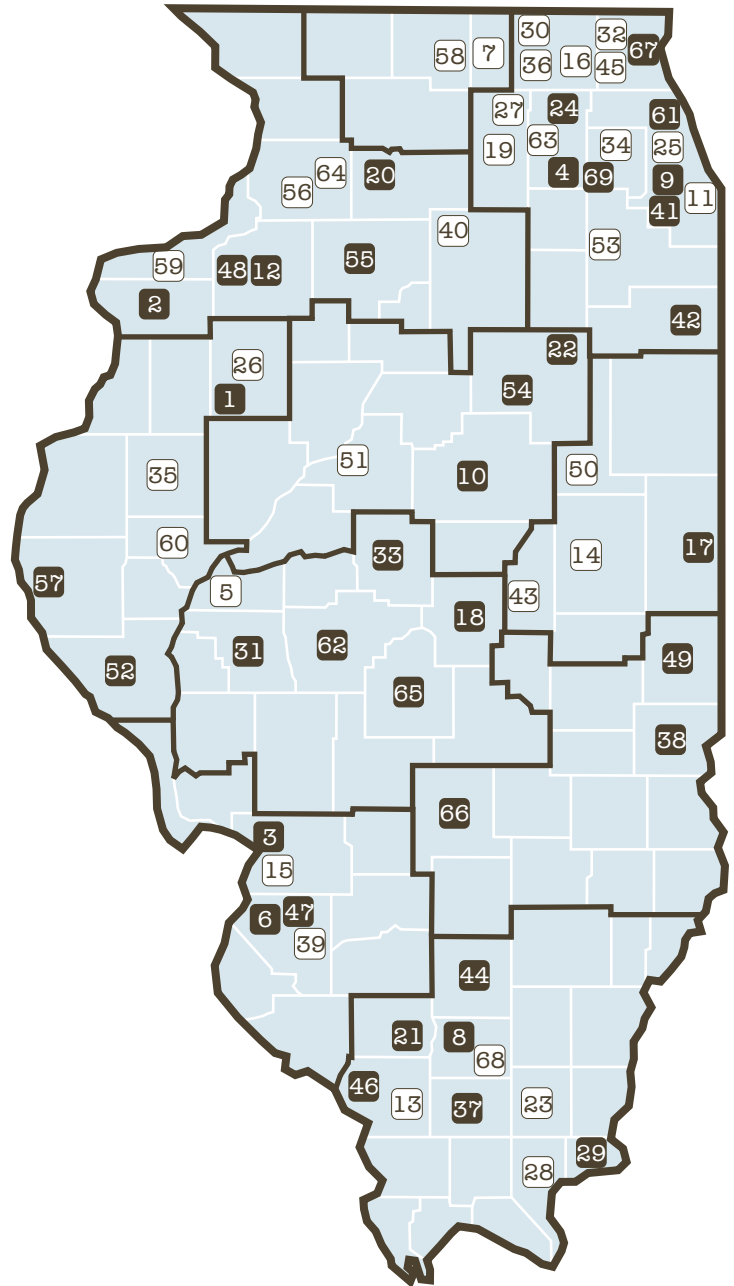
Build Your Own Main Street



Selections of the models IHPA developed for the Build Your Own Main Street initiative that helps children of all ages understand the value of historic structures. Downloadable from the Agency’s website, these are full-color, scale models of real buildings within active Illinois Main Street communities. They can be printed out on cardstock on constituents’ own printers and constructed with scissors and glue. There are currently ten buildings in the series from the 1840s to the 1930s with plans to make one model for every Main Street town. The web address is www.buildyourownmainstreet.com.

Illinois Main Street Communities Receiving Architectural Services

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| 1 Abingdon | 35 Macomb |
| 2 Aledo | 36 Marengo |
| 3 Alton | 37 Marion |
| 4 Batavia | 38 Marshall |
| 5 Beardstown | 39 Mascoutah |
| 6 Belleville | 40 Mendota |
| 7 Belvidere | 41 Midway (Chgo) |
| 8 Benton | 42 Momence |
| 9 Berwyn | 43 Monticello |
| 10 Bloomington | 44 Mount Vernon |
| 11 Blue Island | 45 Mundelein |
| 12 Cambridge | 46 Murphysboro |
| 13 Carbondale | 47 O'Fallon |
| 14 Champaign | 48 Orion |
| 15 Collinsville | 49 Paris |
| 16 Crystal Lake | 50 Paxton |
| 17 Danville | 51 Pekin |
| 18 Decatur | 52 Pittsfield |
| 19 DeKalb | 53 Plainfield |
| 20 Dixon | 54 Pontiac |
| 21 DuQuoin | 55 Princeton |
| 22 Dwight | 56 Prophetstown |
| 23 Eldorado | 57 Quincy |
| 24 Elgin | 58 Rockford |
| 25 Forest Park | 59 Rock Island |
| 26 Galesburg | 60 Rushville |
| 27 Genoa | 61 Six Corners (Chgo) |
| 28 Golconda | 62 Springfield |
| 29 Hardin County | 63 St. Charles |
| 30 Harvard | 64 Sterling |
| 31 Jacksonville | 65 Taylorville |
| 32 Libertyville | 66 Vandalia |
| 33 Lincoln | 67 Waukegan |
| 34 Lombard | 68 West Frankfort |
| | 69 Winfield |



The 37 Main Street communities in **brown** are those that IHPA Main Street design staff have visited at least once between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007 (Fiscal Year 2007). While in a community, staff visited individual buildings with their owners and Main Street Directors or trained the volunteers and stakeholders on Main Street design principles or both.